



ALCHEMY

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Alive!

ADVENTURE EXPEDITION TO THE ANDES

STORY OF THE SURVIVORS - By Trekking or Horse Riding

December 2020 to March 2021 - MENDOZA - ARGENTINA

MIRACLE OF THE ANDES

The accident of October 13, 1972 left the Old Christians rugby team stranded in the Mendoza mountain range while heading to compete in Chile. Twelve of them died in the crash and the rest began an unrelenting fight against hunger and cold. On the tenth day of the accident, they hear through a small radio receiver that the search for the plane had finally been suspended, giving them up for dead. It is there that the leadership of Fernando Parrado, Roberto Canessa and Antonio Vizintin appears... after walking for 10 days heading west towards Chile, find the muleteer Sergio Catalán, who finally went out to seek the assistance that managed to recover those who had survived.

There were 72 days where decision-making changed over the days, prioritizing life, despite the harsh adverse conditions. The **ALIVE** hiking or by horse tour takes you to where the accident occurred, traveling along rivers and valleys of surprising beauty, in the heart of the central Andes.

Information links:


Miracle in the Andes by the New York Times:
<https://nyti.ms/3fW6Hj0>

The Accident's History – Day by Day:
<https://bit.ly/2zCB5hw>

16 Survivors rescued after 72 days:
<https://bit.ly/2Z50Rpd>

This survival story has led to many internationally known events such as journalistic pieces, tv documentaries, inspirational talks, and even a movie (Alive! 1993)



A wide-angle photograph of a mountain hiking trail. In the foreground, two hikers are seen from behind, walking up a steep, dark brown, rocky slope. The trail continues upwards, with several other hikers visible further ahead. The mountain's surface is sparsely covered with low-lying green and yellow vegetation. In the background, a massive mountain range stretches across the horizon, with peaks covered in patches of snow and ice. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue.

A fantastic and memorable experience can be done hiking or by horse, that goes through the history of the Uruguayan rugbiers in the immensity of the Andes mountain range. The incredible story of the Uruguayan plane that was carrying 45 young rugby players to Chile. The accident that meant 72 days of living extreme situations in a hostile climate.

You are welcome to join us, The Alchemists, on this unique Adventure!

JOIN US ON THIS EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE ADVENTURE! Lifetime expedition to the heart of the Andes...

When: December 2020 to March 2021.

Options: Trekking or Horseback Riding.

Season: Summer, temperatures tend to fall at night.

Weather: 32°C / 17°C - 89°F / 62°F.

Level of Difficulty: High.

Duration: 4 days / 3 nights.

Private tours: Up to 40 guests.

Max. height reached: 3,600 masl.

Minimum Age: 18 years. Minors accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Meals: Full board with drinks (breakfast, box lunch, afternoon snack, dinner served at the camp).

Accommodations: 3 nights at a wild Camp (Expedition Tents with sleeping bag included).

Restrooms: Limited access throughout the entire itinerary.





MENDOZA

BUENOS AIRES

PROGRAM DETAILS



DAY 1

Mendoza: We will pick you up at the Airport or at your Downtown Hotel in Mendoza at 7:00 a.m in order to head south to "Puesto Araya" located far from the route at Laguna El Sosneado. There is the wild place where the muleteers who make the "Veranada" live (grazing goats during summer, from October to March). Stay at the first foothills of the mountain range where you will have the afternoon free to enjoy the area. The guide will be waiting there with all the logistics coordinated and the provisions ready for the journey.

The mythical National Highway 40 allows us to see on our way an infinite number of vineyards, wineries, mountains and valleys. The trip from the capital city to our destination will take us around 5 hours. There we will make the preparations for the following day, where we will start the unforgettable trek itself.

The Andes Mountains in Mendoza have always had an enormous impact on the imagination of those who have seen them. The words that mainly give

us the perfect description of the Andes correspond exactly to the categories of the sublime: verticality, grandeur, monumentality, essential purity, the intensity of colors, astonishment, mystical asceticism and transcendence.

After midday we will prepare our campsite and there will be an important orientation meeting to present the activities and the guides that will accompany you during this amazing experience. After the preparations for the next day you will be served with the dinner. Overnight at camp. (Altitude 2200 m.a.s.l).



DAY 2

We will be waking up very early to enjoy our breakfast and getting ready to start our day of walking to El Barroso base camp. It will be a stunning hiking day where we will walk about 7 hours and then we will cross the Atuel River, it is the longest river in Mendoza. It is born in the Andes range, at 3,250 m.a.s.l from the Glacial Atuel Lake. Later on we will arrive at our camp site. Get ready for a relaxing afternoon to enjoy the place. After on you will be served with the dinner and another overnight at the camp.

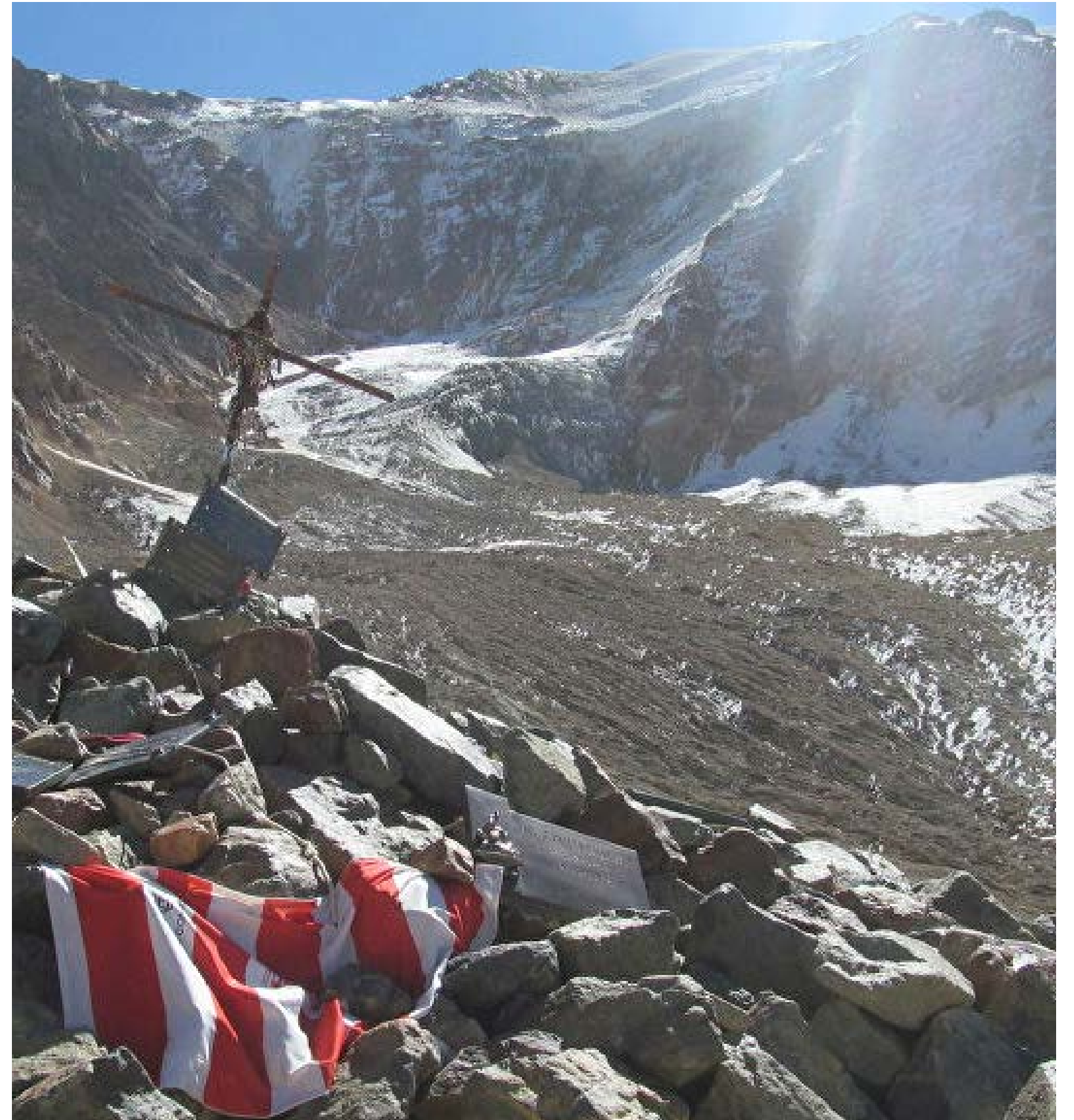
- **Estimated walking time:** 7 hours.
- **Meters uphill:** 50 mts in total ascent (500 mts in ascent / 150 mts in descent).
- **Starting height:** 2200 meters above sea level.
- **Height of the camp:** 2550 masl.



DAY 3

It will be your longest day of hiking starting with an early breakfast. Once you are ready you will leave with the aim of reaching the Glacier of the Valle de las Lagrimas. The day's journey will be very entertained; your way has a great goal on the horizon and is to arrive at the place where the fuselage of the fallen plane is located. Once there, the guide will tell you some stories of the last visits of the survivors to the place. You will observe numerous offerings, flags, epitaphs next to the Cross of Memory. A moment of silence will be given in homage of the victims, and you will take a short tour of the area afterwards. Lunch will be followed by a break and you will descend once more to the campsite at El Barroso. Enjoy Dinner and overnight at the camp.

- **Estimated walking time:** 7 hours one way, 5 hours back. Total = 12 hours.
- **Meters uphill:** 1050 meters in ascent and 1050 meters in descent.
- **Starting height:** 2550 masl.
- **Maximum height:** 3600 masl.
- **Height of the camp:** 2550 masl.



DAY 4

On our last day, after breakfast, you will walk about 4 hours returning to "El Puesto Araya". There you will have time for lunch and then will continue the journey to Mendoza, grateful for having shared an experience that will surely stay Alive! forever. Drop off at your hotel.

End of services.

- **Estimated walking time:** 6 hours.
- **Meters uphill:** 350 meters in total descent (500 meters in descent / 150 meters in ascent).
- **Starting height:** 2550 masl.
- **Height of the camp:** 2200 masl.



A scenic landscape photograph of a river flowing through a valley. The river is in the foreground, reflecting the bright sunlight. The valley is covered in green grass. In the background, there are dark, rugged mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The sun is high in the sky, creating a strong lens flare effect.

PROGRAM RATES

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RATES

TREKKING	Full program per person - 4 days / 3 nights
Base on single occupancy (1 tent)	USD 1,805.00
Base on double occupancy (1 tent)	USD 1,218.00
Base on triple occupancy (2 tents)	USD 1,112.00
Base on quadruple occupancy (2 tents)	USD 968.00

HORSEBACK RIDING	Full program per person - 4 days / 3 nights
Base on single occupancy (1 tent)	USD 2,055.00
Base on double occupancy (1 tent)	USD 1,343.00
Base on triple occupancy (2 tents)	USD 1,205.00
Base on quadruple occupancy (2 tents)	USD 1,093.00

Services included:

- Private roundtrip transfers Airport or Mendoza Downtown Hotel | Puesto Araya (Guide not included, only Spanish speaking drive. Check for other meeting points and English speaking guide assistance).
- 3 nights at "El Barroso" wild camp site (Limited access to restrooms throughout the entire itinerary).
- All meals and drinks (breakfast, box lunch, afternoon snack, dinner served at the camp).
- Fully licensed mountain guides.
- Cargo by mules.
- First aid equipment.
- Travel Insurance.
- Satellite telephone for emergencies.
- Fee to the Valle de Las Lagrimas.
- Expedition Tents and sleeping bag.

Services NOT included:

- Personal equipment mentioned.
- Extras such as tips, laundry, telephone calls, etc.
- Estimate round trip flights from/to Buenos Aires from USD 159.00 Net per person (Economy Class) - Estimate flight duration: 1:45 hours.
- Check for Mendoza pre and post stays.
- Any services not labelled as INCLUDED above.

WHAT TO BRING

- Comfortable waterproof trainers.
- Comfortable lounging shoes for the end of the day.
- Socks (1 warm pair). We recommend long socks in order to protect us from the rubbing.
- Base layer t-shirts.
- Long-sleeves T-shirts and shirts.
- Polar fiber jacket.
- Rain Parka with hood. (gore-tex. ultrex).
- Loose pants. Do not recommend jeans.
- Comfortable lounging shoes for the end of the day.
- Sun hat.
- Warm hat. Buff (optional).
- Fanny pack.
- One pair of warm gloves.
- Sunglasses (with UV filter and side shields).
- One litter bottle of water / canteen.
- Headlamp with set of extra batteries.
- Sunscreen SPF 60 for body and lips. Post Solar moisturizing cream.
- Towel and personal hygiene and Medical Kit. (baby wet towels).
- Water bottle (1 liter).
- Camera – with extra batteries.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please ask for special rates (Not included - in addition).
Pre and Post Programs.



ACTIVITIES



TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Net rates, expressed in US Dollars.
- Rates include taxes – VAT (10,5% or 21% applied accordingly)
- First payment will be confirmed upon booking.
- Full payment due 30 days before start of program.
- If payment has not been made by the specified date, bookings may be cancelled.
- Payment thru bank wire has a USD 30.00 bank fee and payments thru credit card a 4% surcharge. They are not included in the quotation.
- 10% penalty of the booking for cancellations made after first payment.
- Less than 30 days prior to the beginning of services the penalty will be a 100% charge of the service no-show.
- Force Majeure: In case of cancellations or reprogramming the trip due to natural disasters or major incidences our company will apply terms and conditions provided by our partners/suppliers.





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